(b) whether any private sector banks or foreign banks in Kerala disbursed such loans, if so; the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the private sector banks are reluctant to disburse the educational loans and if so, the details of such banks; and

(d) whether Government would consider to insist on them to disburse loans to needy students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Scrapping of small saving schemes

1446. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to scrap some of the small saving schemes under operation by the Post Offices from December, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to offer alternative schemes to encourage savings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Transfer policy of banks

†1447. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the transfer policy being followed by the public sector banks;

(b) whether Government are aware that work is affected due to shortfall of employees in the public sector banks;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.